trains and Delhi markets etc. if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Mehsana district Police had ammunition:

RDX	—	4 Kgs.
Pistols	—	115 (Nos.)
Magazine	—	113 Nos.
Cartridges	—	750 Nos.
Detonators	—	10 Nos.

(c) As per information available the police has so far arrested the following persons in this connection:

(i) Mohd. Fazal S/o Mohd. Ashrat r/o 34/70 Chirag Chi Mohalla. Dungarpura. Khadim Mohalla. Ajmer;

(ii) Popatbhai Veersinhbhai Chaudhary, r/o village Bamasona, Taluk Mehsana Gujarat;

(iii) Praveenbhai Prahladbhai Patel of Gerajpur, district Mehsana;

The consignment was reportedly smuggled on the directions of one Abdul Majid, presently staying in Dubai and supplied to Mohd. Fazal by Sipah-e-Sabiha, a fundamentalist organisation in Pakistan.

(d) There is no definite input to this effect.

Paramilitary forces for Andhra Pradesh

522. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government to despatch additional 50 companies of Central paramilitary forces to beef up security in the naxalite infested areas of the State;

(b) whether the Union Government have accepted the request of State Government; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Central Para Military Forces are made available to the States to assist them in maintaining public order. The levels of deployment depend upon the requirement of each State and overall availability of the Force. Central Para Military Forces have also been made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, it may not to be appropriate to indicate the details of Forces or level of deployment in public interest

Reactivating National Development Council and the Inter-State Council

523. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reactivate and energise the National Development Council and the Inter-State Council;

(b) the present status of these institutions; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The Inter-State Council set up in the year 1990 under article 263 of the Constitution of India held its second meeting on October 15, 1996 after a gap of about six years. During this meeting, the Inter-State Council recommended that there should be a Standing Committee of the Council for continuous consultations and processing of matters for the consideration of the Council. The Standing Committee has since been constituted vide MHA Notification No. 7/4/96-ISC dated December 5, 1996. The Standing Committee will:—

(i) have continuous consultation and process matters for consideration of the Council;

(ii) review and update the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission especially the vital question of devolution of financial powers from the Central Government to the State Governments;
(iii) examine the changes required in article 356 of the Constitution of India;
(iv) consider the current views of the State Governments on 1979 recommendations on which there was a consensus in the Sub-committee and also the 12 items on which there was no consensus;
(v) process all matters pertaining to Centre-State relations before they are taken up for consideration in the Inter-State Council;
(vi) monitor the implementation of decisions taken on the recommendations of the Council; and
(vii) consider any other matter referred to it by the Chairman/ Council.

The first meeting of the Standing Committee was held on January 15, 1997. The next meeting is expected to be held shortly.

The National Development Council was set up by a resolution of the Cabinet Secretariat. The Planning Commission acts as the Secretariat for the National Development Council and provides such administrative or other assistance for the work of the National Development Council as may be needed. The Sarkaria Commission has made some suggestions regarding the functioning of the National Development Council on which the Government has to take a view. The last meeting of the National Development Council was held recently on January 16, 1997.

अन्तर्राज्य सड़क पुलों के निर्माण के लिए गुजरात को निधियों का आवंटन

524. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आर्थिक महत्व के अन्तरराज्य सड़क पुलों के निर्माण के लिए कोई वित्तीय सहायता दी गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) केन्द्रीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराने हेतु ऐसी परियोजनाओं के चयन के लिए क्या-क्या मानक निर्धारित किये गये हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र के सड़क कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत अत्यंत कम निधियां आबंटित किए जाने के कारण गुजरात राज्य के लिए आर्थिक और अंतर्राज्यीय महत्व (ई एंड आई) की स्कीम के अंतर्गत किसी प्रस्ताव का अनुमोदन नहीं किया जा सका।

(घ) पर्याप्त संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और प्रस्तुत किए जा रहे विस्तृत प्राक्कलनों के अध्यधीन निम्नलिखित श्रेणियों की सड़क/पुल परियोजनाओं पर ई एंड आई के अंतर्गत विचार किया जाता है:—

(i) सीधे संचार को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए आवश्यक अंतर्राज्यीय सड़कें/पुल।

(ii) ऐसे नए क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने के लिए अपेक्षित सड़के/पुल जहां निकट भविष्य में रेलमार्ग सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं कराई जा सकती।

(iii) ऐसी सड़के/पुल जिनसे तीव्र आर्थिक विकास में योगदान प्राप्त हो सके अर्थात पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों और ऐसे स्थानों में जहां दोहन के लिए खनिज संसाधन हों।

(iv) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को जोड़ने वाली सड़कें अथवा मार्गस्थ पुल।

Proposals for Declaring of New National Highways in Gujarat

525. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for declaring new National Highways in the State;

(b) if so, the present status of those proposals;